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REPORT ON PRESS CENSORSHIP IN GREECE

FRANK REYNOLDS: The International Press Institute published its annual review of freedom of the press today. The Institute says South Vietnam is the country with the bleakest prospect for freedom of the press.

But the prospects for a free press also are not very good in Greece where January 1st marks more than a new year. ABC's Peter Jennings explains why in this report filmed recently in Athens.

PETER JENNINGS: This is the Greek newspaper, To Vima, an afternoon daily that like all others in Greece has been rigidly censored since this regime came to power in April, 1967.

To Vima unlike some other papers has not been closed down. The beginning of January would be a red-letter time for the editors of To Vima normally because the government has finally announced that all censorship will be lifted.

However, in place of censorship has come a series of press laws that are as oppressive, said one editor, as a full-time watchdog.

Each day the paper goes to press, it must avoid for fear